



New Mexico Department of Public Safety
Law Enforcement Academy
OFFICER SURVIVAL SCENARIO



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SCENARIO NUMBER: Patrol Response 532 (Intermediate) **SCENARIO TITLE:** Domestic Dispute

SCENARIO SYNOPSIS:

Students are dispatched to a residence regarding a domestic dispute. A husband and wife are arguing over the husband's failure to find employment. Prior to the arrival of the Students, the husband shoved his wife against a wall, choked her, and struck her with his fist. The wife has swelling and redness around her eye, and redness on her neck. The wife opens the door for the Students, but both parties are verbally uncooperative.

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVE(S):

Student will demonstrate a tactically sound **approach**.
Student will demonstrate clear and appropriate radio and/or verbal **communication with officers**, and will demonstrate awareness of radio transmissions.
Student will demonstrate appropriate verbal **communication with subjects** and will exhibit command presence.
Student will demonstrate proper **danger area awareness**.
Student will demonstrate proper **danger cue awareness**.
Student will demonstrate the ability to take appropriate, legally defensible **enforcement action**.
Student will demonstrate proper **handcuffing** and handcuff removal techniques.
Student will demonstrate a proper **pat down and/or person search**.
Student will demonstrate proper **positioning of officers**.

LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS:

SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

None

MARKED UNITS REQUIRED:

None

SUBJECT VEHICLES REQUIRED:

None

ROLE PLAYERS REQUIRED:

02 Students, 02 subjects

QUANTITY:

ITEM(S):

03

Simulated containers of alcohol

01

Make-up kit

ROLE PLAYER INFORMATION:

Subject 1: You are upset with your wife for constantly nagging you to find work. You are somewhat intoxicated, and you shoved your wife against a wall, choked her and struck her with your fist. When the police arrive, you have calmed down, but you are verbally uncooperative. You do not want them in your house and you challenge their authority. You do not resist physically in any way.

Subject 2: You are upset with your husband because he doesn't work. He does nothing but drink beer, smoke cigarettes and watch TV all day, everyday. When you got home from work, you began arguing. Your husband became enraged, shoved you against the wall, choked you and then struck you. You did not call the police and you do not know who did. When the police arrive, you let them in but you do not want to tell them what happened. You are otherwise cooperative. Your husband has only struck you once before and promised he would never hit you again. You are afraid if you tell the police what happened, he will leave you.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

You are dispatched to a report of a domestic dispute.



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